

Appl. No. 09/549,559
Amdt. Dated November 4, 2005
Reply to Office action of August 18, 2005
Attorney Docket No. P11914-US1
EUS/J/P/05-1291

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1.) Claim Amendments

The Applicants have amended claims 30-34. Claims 30-34 remain pending in the application. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

2.) Claims – Objections and Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112

The Examiner objected to claims 30-34 for certain informalities¹, and rejected claims 32-34 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph². The Applicants have amended claims 30 and 31 substantially as suggested by the Examiner, and amended claims 32 and 33 to overcome the lack of antecedent basis and other indefinite aspect noted by the Examiner. The Examiner's consideration of the amended claims is respectfully requested.

3.) Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner stated that claims 30-34 would be allowable if amended to overcome the objections or rejections set forth in the Office Action. As noted *supra*, the Applicants have amended claims 30 and 31 substantially as suggested by the Examiner, and amended claims 32 and 33 to overcome the lack of antecedent basis and other indefinite aspect noted by the Examiner. Accordingly, the Applicants believe the amended claims overcome the objections and rejections, and request that a Notice of Allowance be issued.

¹ Specific objections were raised with respect to claims 30 and 31, while claims 32-34 were objected to as dependent from objected to claim 30.

² Specific rejections were raised with respect to claims 32 and 33, while claim 34 was rejected as being dependent from rejected claim 32.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the Applicants believe all of the claims currently pending in the Application to be in a condition for allowance. The Applicants, therefore, respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance for claims 30-34.

The Applicants request a telephonic interview if the Examiner has any questions or requires any additional information that would further or expedite the prosecution of the Application.

Respectfully submitted,



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